

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of pending prior application:

Serial No.: 09/541,697  
Filed: April 3, 2000  
Of: Masahiro HOSODA, et al.  
Entitled: Combination Seal Ring with Encoder  
Examiner: William L. MILLER  
Group: 3677

- X 1. Accompanying this order is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed.

Total pages 27

- X 2. New Formal drawings are being filed herewith consisting of 5 sheet(s), depicting Figures 1-6.

- X 3. Declaration and Power of Attorney:

a. — Newly executed (original or copy)b. X Copy from prior application

i. — Deletion of Inventors - signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application

- X 4. Incorporation by Reference:

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

- 5. Cancel original claims

- X 6. The filing fee is calculated below:

**CLAIMS AS FILED, INCLUDING ANY CLAIMS  
CANCELLED OR ADDED BY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Basic Fee				<u>\$375</u>	<u>\$750</u>
Total Claims	<u>2</u>	-	20 =	<u>          </u> x 9 = \$	18 = \$
Ind. Claims	<u>1</u>	-	3 =	<u>          </u> x 42 = \$	84 = \$
	Multiple Dependent Claims		+	140 = \$	280 = \$
			Total	\$	<u>\$750</u>

7. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #    ) in the amount of \$    .
- X 8. A check in the amount of \$750.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- X 9. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 37 CFR 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #038920.48799C1).
- X 10. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/541,697, filed April 3, 2000--.
- X 11. Priority of Appln. No(s). H11-96669, filed in Japan on April 2, 1999, is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
- X 12. A certified copy of each said priority document was filed in application Serial No. 09/541,697 on April 3, 2000.
- X 13. The prior application is assigned of record to NSK Ltd.
- X 14. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:
- Herbert I. Cantor, Reg. No. 24,392; James F. McKeown, Reg. No. 25,406; Donald D. Evenson, Reg. No. 26,160; Joseph D. Evans, Reg. No. 26,269; Gary R. Edwards, Reg. No. 31,824; and Jeffrey D. Sanok, Reg. No. 32,169.
- X a. The power appears in the original application papers in the prior application.

- X b. Since the power does not appear in the original application papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- c. Attached is a duplicate of a Supplemental Declaration which was filed in the prior application to overcome informalities.
- X d. Address all future correspondence to:

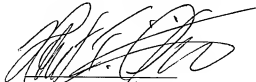
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- X 15. Forms PTO-892 and PTO-1449 listing prior art made of record in the prior application are attached. A copy of each of the listed references should be available in the prior application file.
- X 16. A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.
- X 17. Return Receipt Postcard.

Respectfully submitted,



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